

ABSOLUTE RATING: Unsatisfactory
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Excellent

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 19. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Unsatisfactory	Excellent
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	57.1	44.2	43.2	56.9	53.4	60.3
• Passed 2 subtests	23.8	16.9	25.7	20.6	20.9	20.0
• Passed 1 subtest	14.3	19.5	21.6	13.7	15.1	11.5
• Passed no subtests	4.8	19.5	9.5	8.9	10.5	8.1

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	5.6%	11.9%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	5.6%	12.6%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	27.8%	42.5%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	88.3%	5.6%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	N/A	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	88.3%	5.7%	
Gender			
Male	86.7%	7.4%	
Female	90.0%	3.7%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	85.4%	0.0%	
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	
White	100.0%	50.0%	
Other	N/A	N/A	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	81.5%	4.0%	
Pay for lunch	93.9%	6.9%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	79.8%
Completers placed	95.8%
Eligible students enrolled	53.1%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,602	N/A	\$5,787	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	85.0%	Down from 88.0%	89.4%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	19.6 to 1	N/A	24.3 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=335)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	5.0%	N/A	8.0%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	93.8%	Down from 94.7%	95.1%	95.3%
• Retention rate	11.4%	Up from 3.6%	11.4%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=27)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	5.0 Days	Down from 8.6	8.1 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	93.2%	Down from 95.2%	95.8%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	40.7%	Up from 39.3%	40.7%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	66.7%	Up from 45.7%	73.7%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0.0%	No change	3.0%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	80.6%	Up from 78.7%	82.7%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$35,711	Up 11.8%	\$36,913	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	1.9%	Down from 2.8%	2.3%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	42.3%	N/A	54.2%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	1.0	N/A	2.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	85.4%	N/A	65.6%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	11.6%	Up from 7.9%	12.4%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	19	N/A	33	29
• Gifted and talented	8.4%	Down from 19.3%	6.8%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	10.2%	Up from 6.2%	12.9%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	N/A	7.9%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	178	N/A	199	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	68.7%	N/A	22.8%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

McCormick High School's mission is to provide, for all students, optimal learning opportunities & experiences in a positive school environment.

2000-01 was a year of challenges and successes for our students and faculty. We attribute many of our successes to increased parent support & involvement. (Seventy-five percent of our students' parents attended open house in October 2000.)

Ninety-three percent of the 12th graders (class of 2001) passed the EXIT EXAM (compared to eighty-six percent the previous year.)

Nineteen students earned college credit through the dual enrollment program with Piedmont Technical College.

Two students will attend the Governors School for the Arts (2001-2002)

The fine arts department, in collaboration with the McCormick Arts Council, helped organize and present the county's first Spring Arts Festival.

Student achievement and mastery of state standards were addressed through ongoing staff development and program review. Teachers in each department worked during the year and in the summer to update and align curriculum.

A 25-station computer assisted instruction lab was installed in the math department. (Students who used the lab made an average gain in math skills of 1.3 years.)

The number of SAT preparation classes was doubled.

Four new courses were added for the 2001-2002 school year: Health Occupations, Latin, Financial Management and Business Computer Applications.

Four hundred new books were purchased for the school media center.

Graduates of the Class of 2001 are attending fourteen different colleges and universities.

Issues relating to student discipline and respect were addressed.

New dress code was implemented. Alternatives to out of school suspension were implemented (in-school suspension and afterschool detention)

Dr. Sandra Calliham, 2000-2001 Principal

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	82.1	51.9	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	64.3	61.5	
Satisfied with home-school relations	50.0	75.5	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 335 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Average



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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